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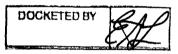
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APPLICATION OF ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. RANDALL DBA VALLE VERDE WATER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS WATER RATES Docket No. W-01431A-09-0360 W-01431A-09-0361

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REVISED ANNUAL WATER LOSS REPORTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM F. RANDALL DBA VALLE
VERDE WATER COMPANY FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCUR LONG-TERM
DEBT

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Estate of William F. Randall dba Valle Verde Water Company ("Company"),

hereby files the following revised water loss reports:

• East System 2011 Annual Water Loss Report (Attachment 1);

### SOUTHWESTERN UTILITY MANAGEMENT INC WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT

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MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 85160 TUCSON, AZ 85754 LOCATION: 2015 N FORBES BLVD, SUITE 107 TUCSON, AZ 85745

December 20, 2013

Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division 1200 W Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: East System 2011 Annual Report

To whom it may concern;

The following is a report containing a plan to help reduce water loss to 10% or under for Valle Verde Water Company ("Valle Verde") East System PWS 12-009. We understand this system is out of compliance for a Water loss < 10%. In recent years Southwestern Utility Management, Inc. ("SUM") has helped Valle Verde Water obtain over \$3,000,000.00 in upgrades to the water system from grants and has a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA") loan approved. The projects will include; new water mains, service lines, a new 190,000 storage tank and a treatment system for Volatile Organic Chemicals.

Valle Verde Water has several Best Management Practices in place to help customers in regard to conserving water. Unfortunately, this system has had many water leaks that were repaired but still had a loss of many thousands of gallons of water. Valle Verde is very proactive when it comes to water line repairs but cannot control the volume of leaks that may occur. Most of this systems infrastructure is over 40 years of age and needs more upgrades in the future. SUM will work with the Valle Verde personnel to work on a leak detection program to locate troubled areas within the system that may not have yet surfaced and a meter replacement program as well as a solution to a stagnate water concern at one of the facilities. Attached to this letter is a cost analysis and a plan implementing meter replacement and leak detection programs to help overcome the water loss issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Keith Dojaquez, CCI Vice President Operations Southwestern Utility Management, Inc.

This task includes replacing aged meters in the system. Due to the age of these meters they do not read accurately. If these meters are replaced the percentage of water loss will be more accurate. The cost of the meters are \$70.00 each (Prices from Dana Kepner). In order to help with the water loss issues Valle Verde Water would have to change at least 20 meters a month (\$70.00 x 20 meters = \$1,400.00) to have any progress on the reduction of water loss. This utility doesn't have the funding to accomplish this task.

### 2. LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM

This task includes a water leak detection program. The costs are from Utility Services Associates. The cost is approximately \$1,250.00 a day plus a mobilization charge of \$500.00. To analyze the whole system and all other contact points would be about 5-7 days but in a 2.5 mile area or approximately 200 services at a time would take 2 days per assessment.

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The following is a report containing a plan to help reduce water loss to 10% or under for Valle Verde Water Company ("Valle Verde") West System. We understand this system is out of compliance with a water loss < 10%. In the past 4 years Southwestern Utility Management, Inc. ("SUM") has helped Valle Verde obtain over \$3,000,000.00 in upgrades to the water system from grants and a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority ("WIFA") loan. These projects included; new water mains and the interconnection of both East and West system.

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The cost is approximately \$1,250.00 a day plus a mobilization charge of \$500.00. To analyze the whole system and all other contact points would be about 5-7 days but in a 2.5 mile area or approximately 200 services at a time would take 2 days per assessment.

### 3. STATIC MIXER FOR WELL SITE 10 STORAGE TANK

This Task would include to purchase and install a static mixer to circulate the water in a 200,000 gallon storage tank. Due to stagnant water concerns from a low water demand from one customer, this tank is drained every 6 to 8 weeks. Even though this storage tank is chlorinated water stratification still occurs and the water quality can be a concern especially in the summer months. The cost for a GridBee (Solarbee) GS-12 static mixer is approximately \$10,000.00. This utility doesn't have the funding to accomplish this task. We will look into a different approach that is not as expensive to mix the water in the storage tank that this water utility can afford to implement.

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